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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIDENORI NAKAJIMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: RITA MITRA
SERIAL NO: 10/511,270 :
FILED: MAY 23, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1656
FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING A :
35 KDA PROTEIN THAT BINDS TO
WF00144

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND THE REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE

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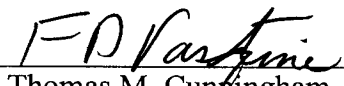
The Examiner requested that the term "sequence homology" be replaced with the term "sequence identity" by Examiner's Amendment. While these terms are commonly used interchangeably, scientific purists often use the term "homology" in a strict sense to refer to a situation where nucleic acid or protein sequences are similar because they have a common evolutionary origin. The Examiner agreed that this revision was merely editorial in nature and did not raise the issue of new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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